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RAILROADS REJECT PEACE PLAN; WILSON HURRIES TO CONGRESS

GERMAN ATTACKS REPULSED ON THREE FRONTS, SAYS PARIS; FIVE AEROPLANES SHOT DOWN

French Score Successes on the Somme, at Verdun and in Champagne.

MANY BATTLES IN AIR

Engagements Reported Along the Entire Front From the Somme to Verdun.

LONDON, Aug. 26.—A heavy attack made by the Prussian Guards against the British positions at Thiepval, on the Somme front, was repulsed by the Worcestershire and Wiltshire Regiments, it was officially announced this afternoon.

Near Mouquet Farm the British made a gain of 400 yards.

German trenches along the Courcellette-Thiepval Road were captured.

PARIS, Aug. 26.—German attacks made last night on the Somme and Verdun fronts were repulsed, says today's report of the War Office.

Following is the text of today's French War Office report:

"On the Somme front the artillery fighting was violent at the end of yesterday and during part of last night. South of Maurepas at about 10 P. M. strong enemy reconnoitering parties in the vicinity of Hill 121 were dispersed by our fire. The Germans made no other attempt to attack.

"In the Champagne, after an intense bombardment, the enemy at about 9.30 o'clock attacked our positions west of Tahure at two different points. The attack was held up by our curtain of fire except in a small salient in our line, where the enemy succeeded in gaining a footing. Shortly afterwards we drove him out by a counter attack with hand grenades.

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FRENCH ASSASSINATE GERMAN WOUNDED IN TRENCHES, IS CHARGE

Berlin Declares Special Squad Is Assigned to Kill Off the Captured.

BERLIN, via wireless to Sayville, L. I., Aug. 26.—Charges that the French have introduced a new body of men whose sole duty is to assassinate all living German soldiers in conquered trenches with knives, revolvers and hand grenades, were made in a statement given out by the semi-official news agency to-day.

The statement was headed "Barbarons of the Trenches," recalling the killing of German submariners by the crew of the British ship Baralong.

"The French some time ago introduced a new fighting system which is the most cowardly and flagrant violation of the laws known up to the present," it was stated. "Within French companies special detachments are formed with the express order to remain behind in conquered trenches and kill all Germans still alive.

"These troops are called Nettoyeurs. Their equipment is not the rifle, cartridge and bayonet of the other soldier, but the revolver, knife and hand grenade. When a French storming column succeeds in taking a trench the Nettoyeurs start clearing the trench of all living persons, that is, assassinating the Germans. Hand grenades are thrown into dugout where often there are wounded. Those who escape the grenade are killed by revolver shots and knives when they attempt to come out. This terrible slaughter is continued from man to man. Every man, whether wounded or not, whether armed or not, is mercilessly stabbed or shot."

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"ENEMY" DESTROYS DEFENDING FLEET; LANDING FORCES

Admiral Mayo Victorious in Great Battle Off Harbor Here.

HIS LOSS HEAVY, TOO.

Battleships Nevada and Texas of His Fleet "Sunk"—Long Island Invaded.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 26.—The defending squadrons under Rear Admiral Helm have been "destroyed" by the hostile fleet under Admiral Mayo in the navy war game off New York Harbor, and this afternoon an invading army was being landed (theoretically) on the shore of Long Island.

The following message from the chief umpire was picked up by the Arlington wireless station at 11.10 to-day:

"Continued battleship engagement 11.10 A. M. Red force gain control of sea. Cannot call problem yet."

The only hope of protection of the Atlantic Coast from the invading army now lies in the defending submarines, which were believed to have arrived in the vicinity of the landing about 11.30 o'clock. The exact number in the flotilla is unknown, as four have reliably been reported "sunk" and more rumored "destroyed."

There were originally seventeen under command of Admiral Grant. When last heard from they were off Fire Island at 9 o'clock this morning, about 25 miles from the scene of the engagement.

A great naval battle between the "Red" invading fleet and the "Blue" fleet, under command of Admiral Helm, which is defending the coast, was in progress to-day out in the Atlantic along a line extending, roughly speaking, from Long Beach to Cape May. The battle began shortly before daybreak this morning when four destroyers of the "Red" fleet made a dash in from the ocean and endeavored to send men ashore at Far Rockaway.

The destroyers were sighted by the scout cruisers of the "Blue" fleet and driven off. Away out in the Atlantic the battleships and cruisers of the invading fleet maneuvered for an attack, while Admiral Helm, having been apprised by wireless of the approach of the "Red" fleet, steamed to the defense of New York harbor at top speed.

At noon wireless reports stated that two battleships, the Texas and Nevada, one scout cruiser and five destroyers, including the Wadsworth and Cooper of the "Red" fleet, had been "sunk" by Admiral Helm's defending forces.

In his movement against the approaching fleet of invasion Admiral Helm up to noon had "lost" the scout cruiser Birmingham and the destroyers Fanning, Dratton and Balch. Naval observers ashore say the three destroyers of the "Blue" fleet were probably sunk in an attack on the invading battleships and that the battleships were undoubtedly sent to the theoretical bottom of the sea by torpedoes launched from the three destroyers.

Admiral Mayo, commanding the "Red" fleet which assembled early in the week at a point some 600 miles out to sea, managed to get within striking distance of Scotland Light during the night without being observed by the scouts of the defenders. It was not until the Rockaway landing was attempted that the point of attack was positively known to Admiral Helm.

MRS. M'ADOO, DAUGHTER OF PRESIDENT WILSON, HAS TYPHOID FEVER.



Mrs. WILLIAM G. M'ADOO

Mrs. William G. McAdoo, daughter of President Wilson and wife of the Secretary of the Treasury, has a slight attack of typhoid fever, probably incurred while on a trip to the capital last week.

She is in Spring Lake, N. J. Secretary McAdoo announced that he would cancel all engagements until Mrs. McAdoo is well.

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SENATE LEADERS SUMMONED BY PRESIDENT TO AVERT STRIKE

Only Unqualified Concession by the Railways or Taking Over of the Systems by the Government Will Avert Tie-Up, Say Brotherhoods.

(From a Staff Correspondent of The Evening World.)

WASHINGTON, Aug. 26.—President Wilson suddenly left the White House to-day and went to the Capitol in connection with the threatened railroad strike. The President went direct to his office and summoned Democratic Leader Kern and Chairman Newlands of the Senate Commerce Committee, who has charge in the Senate of legislation affecting interstate railroads.

The trip to the Capitol was wholly unexpected and no arrangements had been made for his reception there. Although it was known that the President came to discuss legislation affecting the threatened strike, his specific purpose had been kept a secret.

Just before the President reached the Capitol it was declared among

Brotherhood officials that only unqualified concession by the railroads of the eight-hour day or action of Congress taking over the railways for Government operation could prevent the threatened strike.

Wilson first conferred with Democratic Leader Kern. Later he saw Chairman Newlands of the Interstate Commerce Committee, who, it